

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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MIGRATION OF BIRDS TO INDIA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the locations in India where the migratory birds generally frequent ;
- (b) whether there is a decrease in the number of migratory birds to the country ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and thereafter so far, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check hunting and facilitate the migratory birds ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) The major locations in India, generally frequented by migratory birds, include the Brahmaputra Valley, Pong Dam (H.P.), Bharatpur (Rajasthan), Kashmir Valley Lakes, Chilka (Orissa), wetlands in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, high altitude lakes in Ladakh, Gangetic Plain, etc.
- (b)&(c) There are no reports on overall decrease in the number of migratory birds to the country. However, there are reports of Siberian Cranes not being sighted at Keoladeo National Park during the last three years.
- (d) Directions have been issued to all Chief Wildlife Wardens of States/AJTs to step up surveillance of habitats for migratory birds both within and outside Protected Areas. The State Forest Departments are taking measures to increase patrolling in the areas and generate awareness among the people so that hunting of these birds does not take place. Necessary technical and financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme is provided to the Protected Areas for habitat development.